

## OPTIMISM IN SOUTH

Heavy Financial Depression Gradually Being Relieved.

## COTTON GROWERS GET MONEY

National Banks Are Reaching Out Helping Hand and Extending Financial Aid to Farmers—Loans on Warehouse Receipts.

The hearts of the people of the South have been gladdened and a feeling of optimism is permeating the atmosphere. The heavy financial depression which gripped the cotton states during the early part of September is gradually being relieved and money is becoming freer. The banking institutions of the southern states are coming to the aid of the cotton growers with cash, advancing loans on cotton warehouse receipts.

Although it will take some time for the effect of the money being put into circulation to be felt to any great extent, the assurance that something is being done to relieve the situation has lent courage to the business man as well as to the farmer. Because of the fact that the cotton must be hauled to town and properly warehoused before loans will be made on the staple the work of advancing loans has been necessarily slow.

According to dispatches from various portions of the cotton belt there have been thousands of bales retired from the open market and money advanced to the growers at the rate of six cents a pound, or approximately \$30 a bale. This money is represented principally by the Aldrich-Vreeland currency furnished the national banks by the United States treasury department. Under the provisions of this currency measure the cotton must be properly warehoused before loans can be made upon it.

### Absence of Cash Felt.

It has been the absence of cash that has most greatly affected the South. There never has been a time since the European war began when there was not a demand for the wares of the merchant, but no one had money to pay for them. This condition was most seriously felt in the cities. In the country towns the merchants rallied to the aid of the farmers and supplied their immediate wants by accepting cotton in payment of their purchases. Old accounts were also settled with cotton. But soon the average country merchant had more cotton on hand than he knew what to do with. He also found it difficult to purchase from the wholesale houses and the jobbers as they were not prepared to take cotton from the merchant.

The prospects are now that this condition of affairs will soon undergo a change. Instead of trading his cotton to the merchant for the necessities of life the farmer is placing his bales in the nearest warehouse. The receipts he receives from the warehouse he takes to the bank—he has been in the habit of carrying on his financial transactions with, using them as a collateral for borrowing money. In this manner real money is being put into circulation.

In Georgia and a portion of Tennessee this condition of affairs is especially true. The national banks are reaching out a helping hand and extending aid to the distressed farmer. Following a recent meeting of the currency association of Georgia an announcement was made that the national banks of this state and a part of Tennessee are making loans on cotton warehouse receipts. These loans are being made on the basis of six cents a pound.

### Cotton Must Be Stored.

The only provision that has been stipulated by these banks is that the warehouse in which the cotton is stored must be acceptable to the bank. A great number of these loans are being made through the agency banks of the national institutions which gives it a much wider scope of operation. While it is true that this work has been going on for some weeks, the fact did not become generally known until the announcement made recently by the currency association.

It has been estimated that the national banks have loaned something like \$50,000,000 on cotton within the past few weeks. There is still a large amount of available currency on hand in the banks that can be loaned on cotton. According to the figures recently issued by the United States department of agriculture this year's crop is estimated at approximately \$750,000,000, figuring on a basis of ten cents a pound.

An Atlanta state bank was one of the first to offer any real financial aid to the cotton farmers of the South. The activities of this bank, however, was confined to its customers in Georgia alone. This bank is loaning money on cotton at six cents a pound and storing the cotton in its own warehouses in Atlanta. The bank officials say they will loan as much as \$30,000 to the cotton growers of Georgia who are members of this bank.

According to the offer of this bank it will lend money to the grower at six cents a pound. The current rates of interest will be charged on the notes which will mature July 1, 1915. At the expiration of that time the borrower will have the option of extending the note to a longer period. The borrower will have the privilege of selling his cotton at any time he desires, providing he can get enough for his cotton to pay off the note and the

interest. The bank also offers to sell cotton for any of the borrowers without additional charge.

### Festus J. Wade Plan.

The Festus J. Wade plan for relieving the financial situation in the South is receiving universal attention at the present time. It has received the endorsement of President Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the members of the federal reserve board. The plan has also been enthusiastically received by bankers in various cities throughout the cotton territory and bids fair to be a success.

According to the plan of Festus J. Wade, the St. Louis banker, a pool will be raised by subscription from the banks of the South and the other sections of the country. This pool is to be represented by agency banks in all parts of the cotton territory. These agency banks will, according to this plan, make loans on cotton warehouse receipts. The agency banks will then forward the warehouse receipts to the headquarters of the pool and be reimbursed for the money advanced to the farmer.

## WOMEN BOOST COTTON GOODS

Merchants of Cities Join Movement to Popularize Wearing of Cotton-Made Garments.

The wearing of more cotton-made apparel is a movement that was started by the southern women in Washington, and which has been taken up enthusiastically by the women in all sections of the country. Hand in hand with this movement was one instigated by the dry-goods merchants in all of the large cities and in a great number of the smaller cities to popularize the wearing of cotton-made garments.

A cotton styles show was recently held in Washington. The gowns displayed at this show, held in one of the hotels in Washington, will be worn by the official women of that city at a cotton ball to be held during December. Washingtonians thronged the styles show and gazed in wonder at the many dainty creations made exclusively from cotton materials by the modistes. In other cities cotton balls have been the leading social functions, and the popularizing of cotton-made garments has become a national movement.

The department stores in the large cities joined heartily in the movement. Some of the stores set aside a week when special sales of cotton goods and cotton-made garments were held. Much space was used in their show-windows for the display of the great variety of garments made from cotton goods. Though general in character, both of these movements have had a wholesome effect in stimulating the demand for cotton-made goods, which, of course, will mean the consumption of thousands of additional bales by American mills.

In New York City the Federation of Women's clubs with a membership of about 100,000 have taken up the movement to encourage buying more cotton goods and the wearing of more garments made from cotton cloth. The officers of this organization have sent an urgent appeal to the members asking them to aid their southern sisters by using cotton goods whenever possible.

The American Association of Cotton Manufacturers have been awake to the opportunities which the inability of the European countries to use American cotton has afforded them, and are making preparations for a greater output of cotton cloth than has ever been produced by American mills. During a recent meeting of the national association at Lenox, Mass., the question of the manufacture of more cotton cloth and the providing of markets for their output was taken into consideration.

### Plan for Salvation.

When the cotton situation became critical in South Carolina and aid from the federal government seemed hopeless, Governor Cole Bleese called a special session of the legislature. Almost every senator and representative came to the capital with some great plan for the salvation of the state from the disaster which threatened it by the demoralization of the cotton market.

From among the great mass of bills that were presented, two became the most prominent. One provided a state bond issue to valorize the 1914 crop, and the other to make it a misdemeanor or to plant cotton during 1915. While the legislators appeared in favor of the reduction of the cotton acreage, the fact that they killed the bill showed that they were not in favor of doing away with the cotton crop entirely in 1915.

### Egypt Also Affected.

The southern cotton growers have not been the only ones to suffer from the failure of the cotton market, for word has been received that Egypt also has been seriously affected. This country in the far East grows a considerable quantity of the fleecy staple which is disposed of almost entirely through the London exchange.

Egypt has not only suffered from the failure to sell their product, but the pink boll worm played havoc with the crop. It is reported that the growers of Egypt made only about one-half of their normal crop. When the Egyptians realized the cotton situation, the ministry of agriculture at once issued a proclamation to the cotton growers calling upon them to cut their acreage 60 per cent, and the cultivators were instructed to plant rice, corn, beans, and other grains and food products.

## THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

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The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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Reginald loved his wife tenderly and devotedly, but he had to acknowledge in the inmost recesses of his heart that the hand that wielded the powder puff lost its art in the pudding basin.

"What pudding would you like to-night, love?" she cooed at breakfast time.

"Oh, anything!" he whispered desperately.

"Anything?" she reiterated, in a pained tone.

"Well, you know, old girl; anything light—only don't tire yourself out."

"You shall have your favorite—custard, dear," she promised.

Toward seven o'clock Reginald returned, but the sound of weeping and gnashing of teeth greeted his trained ear.

"Whatever is it, my dear girl," he implored, as he rushed into the kitchen.

"O-o-o-h!" she sniveled on his waistcoat. "I've been making you custards all the afternoon, and—"

"And what, pet?"

"They all t-turned out sponge cake!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. F. C. Case of Welcome Lake, Pa., writes: "I suffered with Backache and Kidney Trouble. My head ached, my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. I felt heavy and sleepy after meals, was always nervous and tired, had a bitter taste in my mouth, was dizzy, had floating specks before my eyes, was always thirsty, had a dragging sensation across my loins, difficulty in collecting my thoughts and was troubled with shortness of breath. DODDS' KIDNEY PILLS have cured me of these complaints. DODDS' KIDNEY PILLS have done their work and done it well. You are at liberty to publish this letter for the benefit of any sufferer who doubts the merit of DODDS' KIDNEY PILLS."

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"That must be the reason she jilted Bonehead."

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## GETTING DOWN TO THE FACTS

Relic Which Mr. Bradley Valued So Highly Was Not Altogether a Present.

Said Mr. Bradley: "I think a good deal of this rocking chair. It's made from wood that grew on a farm in Virginia once owned by G. Washington."

"I don't see anything extraordinary about it," said Parks, "except that it's big and ugly. How much did it cost you?"

"Nothing. That's the beauty of it. A friend of mine in Washington sent it to me. There's nothing like having good friends."

"No, I suppose not. How did he send it?"

"By express. Quite a relic, isn't it? Wood grew on one of G. Wash—"

"You paid the express charges, I suppose?"

"Of course. Wood grew on a farm that once belonged to George—"

"How much was the—"

"Farm that once belonged to George Washington in Virginia. It isn't every day you can—"

"How much expressage did you—"

"Isn't every day you can see a rocking chair made out of wood grown on a farm that once belonged to George—"

"What express charge did you have to pay?"

"Eight dollars and seventy-five cents," said Bradley, with visible reluctance.

Whom Dodge Hath Joined Together.

A contributor sends in this clipping from the Kohala Midget, a paper published in the island of Maui, one of the Hawaiian group. He explains that "wahine" is Hawaiian for woman, "kane" for man, and "pau" for enough:

Rev. R. B. Dodge of Wailuku is the most resourceful man of Maui. Recently a Japanese couple came to Mr. Dodge with a request in the sign language that he make them man and wife. They couldn't talk English fluently and Mr. Dodge cannot talk Japanese, so he conducted the ceremony as follows:

"You like wahine?"

"Yes."

"Bimeby no kickout?"

"No."

"You like this kane?" to the woman.

"Yes."

"Bimeby no kickout?"

"No."

"Pule (pray)."

"Pau."

To Increase Supply of Salmon.

Important experiments have recently been made by the fisheries expert for British Columbia in connection with the hatchery operations. Last year at Seaton lake instead of placing all the sockeye salmon eggs in traps, as had been the custom heretofore, a plan was adopted more in keeping with the natural methods followed by the fish. The eggs, after having been inoculated with the lymph, were buried under five to seven inches of sand and gravel. Over 200,000 ova were thus treated in tanks especially made for the purpose, and as a result 188,000 healthy fry have been taken out with the possibility of more to follow. This is a splendid record, as compared with the old pan system, and it is believed by the experts that the new method will revolutionize the business of the hatcheries.

### Three Ages.

The new Berlin botanical gardens, says Lustige Blatter, was wonderfully beautiful, but to small children they are a forbidden paradise. Boys and girls under ten are not permitted to enter.

Herr and Frau Muller found this out to their disappointment when they planned to take their little Paul on a Sunday trip to view the beautiful gardens; nevertheless, they gave their young hopeful a few instructions, and started out.

"How old are you?" he inquired. Paul answered, "Six for the electric; really eight; for the botanical gardens, ten."

### Ration in Congress.

The ratio of representation in the lower house of congress at Washington has steadily changed since the year 1789, when the Constitution began its work, the ratio was 30,000 to the representative. In 1910 the ratio was 210,000 to the representative. If the ratio did not rise the members of the lower house would in time become too numerous for business. It is for the purpose of keeping the membership within reasonable bounds that the ratio is made to keep pace with population.

### Hard on Some People.

"Americans must learn to use home-grown tobacco," a trade journal declares. This will go hard with those persons who haven't been in the habit of using any kind of tobacco at all.—Youngstown (O.) Telegram.

### Lucky Hubby.

Mrs. Green—Do you ever flatter your husband?

Mrs. Wyse—Yes, I sometimes ask his advice about things.—Boston Transcript.

An effort is being made in Germany to unify the 40 systems of stenography now used in that country.

## Greek Meets Greek.

The two oldest inhabitants were very ignorant, neither of them being able even to tell the time of day. A friend of Uncle Ben's gave him a watch, of which he was very proud. One day, before the crowd at the corner store, old Pete, being slightly jealous of such wealth and wishing to embarrass his rival, said: "Say, Ben, what time have you got?"

The other old fellow drew out his watch and turned its face toward his inquisitor. "There she be!" he exclaimed.

Pete was almost at a loss, but he made a magnificent effort and retorted: "Blame if she ain't!"—Everybody's Magazine.

### Getting Even.

Friend (to returned traveler)—I suppose you had some thrilling experiences over in Europe.

Traveler—Yes: I was arrested as a spy, and who do you suppose was my captor—a waiter I once refused to tip over here. He recognized me and I barely escaped with my life.

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